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- 25X1 1. In early November 1953 several thousand miners had been recruited by the Chinese Communists in Anhwei to prepare for the opening of the following iron mines; the Yu Fan (5940/4907) iron mine at T'aoch'ung (2711/0394) in Fanch'ang (N 31-06, E 118-04) Hsien, the Maanshan (7456/7254/1472) iron mine in Tangt'u (N 31-34, E 118-29) Hsien, and the T'ungkuangshan (6894/1351/1472) iron mine in T'ungling (N 30-56, E 117-40) Hsien. Operations in these mines had been suspended when the Chinese Communists took over Anhwei. All the iron ore produced, with the exception of some to be supplied for the use of the Maanshan steel mill, which was being repaired,¹ was to be transported to other areas for processing.
- 25X1 2. In early June 1953 an iron deposit was discovered by the Chinese Communists at Yin-p'ingshan (6892/0988/1472) in the vicinity of Ch'ingch'ihsu, near the border of Tungkuan (N 23-02, E 113-46) Hsien and Paoan (N 22-32, E 113-56) Hsien and 50 kilometers southwest of Huiyang (N 23-05, E 114-26) Hsien.² After a survey by Soviet advisors and Chinese Communist geologists, more than 500 miners were recruited to open a mine to exploit the deposit.
- 25X1 1. ☐ Comment. On 26 November 1953 the Hsin Hua News Agency, Shanghai, announced that Shanghai's foundry shops were being supplied with pit iron from the nearby iron ore center of Maanshan, where an iron smelting plant was being restored.
- 25X1 2. ☐ Comment. ☐ in June 1952, two mines were being worked in Huiyang Hsien under the supervision of Soviet advisors. One of the mines, reportedly a gold mine, was located in Yinping (6892/7399) Mountain about 50 kilometers southwest of Huiyang.
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